Public (Political) **(1949) Department.**

Ms **SERIES.**

G.O. NO. 3377

Dated 5/10/49

[Despatch Abstract.]

State, —

Sandur – yuvaraj's visit to Sandur – Presentation of Customary Honours – Instructions issued – Papers recorded.

Express

Pub (Poll) dept

Telegram No. 5302/49-1 Dt 31-8-49.

2nd Telegram To 31/8/49

Special officer,
Sandur.

Understand Yuvaraj coming on 3rd Sep. Sandur aaa All customary honours as stated by Huzur Dept may be given aaa In case of doubt wire Govt. for instructions.

Resonabili.

31/8/49

to go
to Rev. Collr. & Battery
Apd
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reference govt express telegram 5302/49-1 dated thirtyfirst august 1949 regarding yuvarajahs visit aka huzur secretary writes reception at rajahs palace by heads of local administration and senior state officials and similar send off when leaving bandar. (R) drae attention invited to states ministry d.o. no 137-p/48 dated third nov 1948 to bellary govt communicated with govt memorandum no 2675/49-1 public political dated sixth may where civil reception to rulers not permitted aka pray inform by wire or phone who to receive yuvaraj

Collector

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Express
~~Immediate~~ Public (Political) Department

Telegram no 5-302/49-2 dated 2/9/49.

Collector, Bellary.

Telgm Rpd
2/9/49

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Reference Express Telegram 5-302/49-1 Public-Political d 31st August and your Telegram d 2nd September (a a a) Official reception need not be given (a a a) [it is] sufficient if [the] Special Officer, Sandur and a police official of status receive yuvaraj on [his] arrival in Sandur (and also see him off) (a a a) ~~As regards~~ Ex-officials of [the] State ~~they~~ may be present as distinguished gentlemen but not as state officials since there are no state officials now (a

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Copy to the Spl. Officer, Sandur. - By Express Delivery

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

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Rcd at here 21/- H. M.

TO Personable [illegible] X

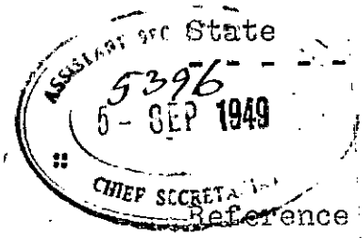
your telegram dt. 1302/49/1 thirty first august
dewan secretary asked for reception of yuvaraja
at rajad palace by head of local administration
and state officers (stop) matter reserved
to collector thirty first august (stop) collector
referred matter by telegram to govt (stop)

N. B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

order whether public govt reception to yuvaraja
be permissible = Special officer =

Post copy of Bellary Collector's Express Telm no 9
11034/49 B1 Dated 2/9/49 to Resonabili Madras

State Telegram Express



Resonabili Madras

Reference Government Express Telegram 5302/49-1 dated Thirtyfirst August 1949 regarding Sandur Yuvarajah's Visit aaa Huzur Secretary wants Reception at Rajah's Palace by Head of Local Administration and Senior State Officials and Similar send off when leaving sandur aaa Attention invited to States' Ministry's letter F-137-P/48 dated Third November 1948 to Bombay Government communicated with Government memo No.2678/49-1 Public Political dated Sixth May Where Official reception to Ruler not permitted aaa Pray Instructions by wire or Phone who to Receive Yuvaraj

Collector

Collector's Office, Bellary,
Dated 2-9-1949.

Post copy submitted to the Chief Secretary to Government in confirmation, with a copy of the Huzur Secretary's letter dated 28th August 1949 to the Special Officer Sandur. In this connection attention is invited to the instructions issued in State's Ministry' communication No. F137-P/48 dated 3rd November 1948, wherein the Government of India have stated that official Reception to Ruler cannot be agreed to. The Huzur Secretary wants reception by the head of the Local Administration at the palace. Instructions are therefore solicited whether this reception may be given and if so, by whom. I consider that an official reception to the Ruler would militate against the sovereignity of the Dominion Government.

The Huzur Secretary subsequently informed that the Yuvarajah would be visiting on the 3rd August.

2.9.49

For Collector.

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Copy of letter No.H^/OB/49/33 dated 28th August 1949 from the Huzur Secretary, Sandur, to the Special Officer, Sandur.

Sub: Arrival of H.H. the Yuvaraj, provision of customary honours etc

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I am to intimate to you that H.H. the Yuvaraj of Sandur will be arriving here to take part in Shri Ganapathi 'Visarjan' procession, and to ask you for provision of the following as per customary rights:

(i) Road bandobust during arrival & road bandobust during departure.
(ii) Reception on arrival by the Head of the local Administrator and Senior Officers, at the Palace, and similar send off during departure. This is a right due to H.H. the Ruler and H.H. the Yuvaraj of Sandur as per immemorial custom.
(iii) Provision of Guard-of-Honour during arrival & departure.

2. H.H. the Yuvaraj is expected here about the 4th September. Exact time and date will be intimated to you later.

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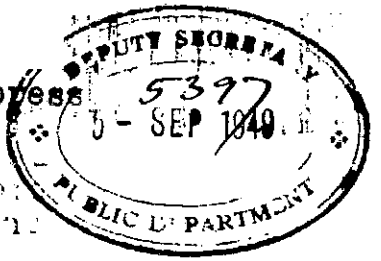
(True Copy)

(Same as p. 7 ante.)

TELEGRAM

State Express



Resonabili

Madras

Your Telegram 5302/49-1 Thirtyfirst August Huzur Secretary Asked For Reception To Yuvaraja At Raja's Palace By Head of Local Administration and State Officers (stop) Matter referred to Collector Thirtyfirst August (stop) Collector referred Matter by Telegram to Government Order Whether Public Government Reception to Yuvaraja permissible

Special Officer

Ref.C.No.3754/49C(SO) State Secretariat, Sandur, dated 2-9-49

Post Copy submitted to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras. The telegram p.t.o.

The telegram referred to above was received in Sandur on 2-9-49 at 2 P.M.

2. On 31-8-49 I had submitted my report to the Collector, Bellary. As the telegraphic line to Sandur was out of order due to heavy rains, I rushed up to Bellary for instructions of the Collector. I understand that the matter was referred to Government for urgent telegraphic order. I am therefore awaiting telegraphic orders at Sandur

3. I have issued instructions to the local Police and made arrangements for road bundobust and Guard-of-Honour to the Yuvaraja on his arrival in Sandur tomorrow (3-9-49)

4. I have also arranged - as asked by the Huzur Secretary - for a Guard-of-Honour on 6-9-49 at the Ganapathi Visarjan ceremony.

2/9/49

Special Officer, Sandur.

Copy submitted to the Collector,
Bellary.

(G) It is understood that the Sandur Yuvaraja is coming to Sandur on 3-9-49 and requires that all customary honours as stated by the Huzur Secretary should be given. The question as to what the customary honours are is dealt with below:-

According to Art. 4 of the merger agreement, the Yuvaraj is entitled to all the personal privileges enjoyed by him whether within or outside the territories of the State, immediately before 15-8-47. It is not known what the customary rights were to which he is entitled The Ruler of Sandur is a non-salute Chief and there is no question of firing any salutes on the Yuvaraja's arrival. So far as the Government are concerned, a Police Officer of suitable status not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector and the Special Officer, Sandur may be asked to receive him when he arrives and, if necessary, ~~kkx~~ to provide ~~post~~ a small police guard to escort him to the place of his stay, where there will be already the palace guards. It does not seem that any thing more need be done. It does not also seem that the Huzur Secretary should be in a position to dictate to the Special Officer, so far as facilities are concerned. ~~The~~ There will however be no objection to take all the Huzur Secretary gives as customary honours and the Special Officer using his discretion. If stricter bandobust facilities are required, the Special Officer may be asked to provide this also. ~~It is understood that the Prohibition Act and Rules made thereunder have not so far been extended to the merged state of Sandur. There is no information to the effect that any alcoholic liquor is being brought into the State and hence~~ He is desired to grant exemption from prohibition Act as required it does not appear necessary to issue instructions to the authorities concerned for the issue of necessary permits as prohibition has not yet been introduced in Sandur. As regards customs privileges, exemption from customs duties is granted as a matter of courtesy to Ruling Princes and Chiefs entitled to the style of "His Highness", i.e.,

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para 39, Lr. 48 of the work-put up.

those who are entitled to a salute of 11 guns. As the Ruler himself is not entitled to the style of "His Highness", the question of exemption does not arise as Sandur is now a Union Territory.

Submitted for consideration whether the proposed telegram may be amplified as below: (5)

"ALL CUSTOMARY HONOURS AS STATED BY HUZUR SECRETARY MAY BE GIVEN ~~IN YOUR DISCRETION.~~" In case of doubt wire Govt. for instructions. A

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C.S.

"Customary Honours" will not be laid down in any book & only those who have been in the State for any length of time can say anything about it. The telegram may be modified as at A

Issue today

31/8

Issue attached telegram below.

31/8/49

(Issued as Express telegram no. S 302/49-1 d 31/8/49)

(From the Collr.of Bellary, telegram d/2-9-49.)

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The Collr.of Bellary has stated in the telegram at p.3 c.f. that the Huzur Secretary wants reception to be given at Rajah's palace by head of Local Administration and senior state officials in connection with Yuvaraj's visit to Sandur on 3-9-49 and similar send off at the time of his departure. In this connection attention is invited to the Ministry of States, letter No.F.137-P/48 d/3-11-48

A on p. 5 Cf. of ⓪

wherein it is laid down that the request for an official reception to the Ruler and the decoration of the palace on festive occasions cannot ~~however~~ be agreed to. There seems to be no objection to the Special Officer, Sandur and Police official of status receiving Yuvaraj on his arrival in Sandur.

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Submitted for orders.

K 4/9/49 submitted on c.f.

When even the Ruler is not entitled to an official reception, there seems lesser justification to accord such an a reception to the Yuvaraj. A above seems sufficient. For orders.

2/9/49

~~C.S.~~

Say that official reception is not to be given, but ~~the~~ officers A may be done. As regards ex-officials of the State they may be present as distinguished ~~private~~ gentlemen, but not as State officials since there are no State officials as such now

draft telegram at once

Draft telegram is submitted for approval. It is presumed that it is not necessary to inform the collector by phone.

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p. 5 Cf. (Issued as telegram no 5-302/49-2 d 2/9/49)

p. 7 Cf. (From the Special Officer, Sandur, telegram d 2/9/49)

In view of the instructions issued in Express

Telegram no 5302/49-2 d 2/9/49 to the Collr. of Bellary and copy communicated to the Special Officer, Sandur, no action seems called for on his reference at p. 7 cf.

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No further action is called for in this file. The papers may be recorded to facilitate future references.

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G.O. Ms. No 3377 dated 5/12/49

Sandur – yuvaraj's visit to Sandur – presentation of Customary Honours – Instructions issued – Papers recorded.

Government of Madras.

Abstract.

STATES - Rulers of merged States - Personal rights and privileges - Adjustment of differences by personal contact - Instructions of Government of India - Recorded.

Public (Political) Department.

G.O.Ms.No.2821. dated the 22nd August 1949.

Read again: Memo.No.4764/48-2, Public (Political) dated 13-12-48.
Read also: From the Government of India, Ministry of States, D.O.No.F.118-P/49 dated 16/21st July 1949.

(Copy of Government Memorandum No.4764/48-2, Public (Political), dated 13-12-1948.

Subject: STATES - Merger - Ruler - Privileges.

A copy of the "Memorandum on the Personal privileges of the Rulers of the States that have either merged in Provinces or have combined to form Union of States" together with a copy each of the letter from the Government of Bombay to the Government of India and the letter from the Government of India No.F.137-P/48, dated 3-11-1948 is communicated to the Collectors of Kurnool and Tiruchirapalli and the Board of Revenue for information.

2. A copy each of the above together with extracts of notes of this Department is also sent to all Departments of the Secretariat (including Public) for information and necessary action on items with which they are concerned.

K. Ramunni Menon,
Chief Secretary to Government.

COPY of letter No.3062/46-F, dated 4th September 1948 from Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political and Services Department, to the secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of States, New Delhi.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGES OF RULERS - Guaranteeing of.

I am directed to invite your attention to Article 5 of the Agreement of Merger by which the Dominion Government have guaranteed to the succession according to law and custom, to the gadi of the State and to the Raja's personal rights, privileges, dignities and titles. When the Rulers of the acceeding States were in power, there was probably no occasion for making a distinction between personal rights, privileges and dignities as against public rights and privileges. Sir Since the merger, some of the Rulers have been approaching this Government with a request that privileges and dignities liske-- (i) a salute of guns; (ii) presentation of arms by the police or military; (iii) participation of the public servants and the police in processional marches with the Ruler at the head on festive occasions of the Ruler's family or caste; (iv) orders of precedence in official functions held by Government; (v) official reception of the Ruler by the police by lining up along the streets on the entry of the Ruler into the town; (vi) decorations to the palace and the buildings of the Ruler on festive occasions at the cost of the State, ought to be continued under the guarantee offered by the Government of India.

In this connection, it may be stated that many of these privileges and dignities were marks of Royalty and after the cession of all jurisdiction and power by the Rulers, it would be inconsistent with the Sovereignity of the Dominion Government to permit and instruct our officials and servants to participate in such processions or offer their salutes as above. Such of the privileges and dignities which cannot be enjoyed except by the Sovereign Ruler will have to be stopped and it seems that all that is guaranteed is that if the Ruler arranged any of the functions, marches or salute of guns at his own expense, no objection need be raised by the executive officers of Government.

Similarly as regards the rights of the Rulers, (i) exemption from arrest and personal appearance in courts (ii) restrictions regarding the institution of suits as contained in section 85 and 86 of the Code of Civil Procedure, (iii) exemption from certain taxes and fees, (iv) Representation at State functions, (v) possession of arms and personal guards, and the like may be cited as instances of their personal rights. There is nothing in the observance and continuance of any of them that can be said to be derogatory to the dignity of the Dominion Government and there should be no objection to continue the same till the law remains at ~~the~~ present.

The Rulers desire that their birth days and their sectional holidays ought to be declared as public holidays. Consistently with the declared policy of the Government of India, it would be impossible to grant such requests and after the territorial merger, it would be an anomaly of the highest degree to declare days in the present State areas, which will be distributed over one or more districts in certain cases, that such days should be observed as public holidays.

As these matters are assuming importance owing to constant reference from some of the rulers, I am to request that the position may be clarified as to what privileges rights and dignities ought to be guaranteed specifically or generally or should be regarded as having lapsed with the cession of power.

COPY of letter from the Government of India, Ministry of States No.F.137-P/48, dated 3-11-1948 to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Bombay.

PERSONAL RIGHTS and PRIVILEGES of the Rulers of States, that have merged with Provinces.

I am directed to refer to your letter No.3062/46-F, dated the 4th September, 1948 on the above subject and to say that National festivals, such as Dusserah, etc. should continue to be celebrated in a fitting manner and that reasonable facilities should be extended to the Rulers if they want to organise processions, etc. in their capital, in connection with such festivals. There should ordinarily be no objection to the participation of public servants in such processions. Similarly, there appears to be no objection to the presentation of arms by the police or Army to a Ruler within his State. The question of Firing of Salutes is still under consideration. Precedence at official receptions organised by the Government should be determined by the Provincial Government. The request for an official reception to the Ruler and the decoration of the Palace on festive occasions cannot however be agreed to.

2. With regard to the other points enumerated in your letter under reference, I am to invite your attention to the "Memorandum on the personal privileges of the Rulers of States that have with merged in Provinces or have combined to form Unions of States",

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drawn up by this Ministry, a copy of which has been forwarded to you separately.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) . . . .,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Public (Political) Department.

Sub: STATES - Merger - Rulers - Privileges.

With their D.O. on page 1 c.f. the Government of India have forwarded for the information and guidance of this Government a memorandum on the personal privileges of the Rulers of the States that have merged in the Provinces or have combined to form Unions of States. This Government are concerned at present with the states of Pudukkottai and Banganapalle. Copies of the memorandum have gone to the Rulers of these States ~~of Rx~~ also. The various privileges referred to in the memorandum are noted on below.

ITEMS 1 AND 9 - CIVIL LIST RESERVE FUND: The Collectors of Tiruchirapalli and Kurnool had reported in another connection that no separate civil list reserve fund was being maintained in the states of Pudukkottai and Banganapalle. This does not therefore apply to the two states.

ITEMS 2 - RESIDENCE OF THE RULERS: Orders have already been issued with the concurrence of the Government of India allotting the private buildings owned by the Raja of Pudukkottai to him. Similar proposal is being examined in the case of Banganapalle also. Further action with regard to the State buildings not allotted to the Rulers will have to be taken by the Provincial P.W.D.

ITEM 3 - VEHICLES, ETC. USED FOR STATE FUNCTIONS: It is not known what are the items of vehicles, etc. used for state functions. Orders have been issued in this department regarding the disposal of the surplus cars in the two states and about the disposal of the elephants in Pudukkottai. The Raja of Pudukkottai has been allowed with the concurrence of the Government of India the retention of the palace jewels as his private property. It does not seem necessary to call for a report about these items which are required for state functions. The Rulers to whom a copy of the memorandum has been sent will, if necessary, raise that question.

ITEM 4 - CIVIL LIST BUDGET FOR 1947-48: With reference to the terms of the merger agreement the Rulers of the two States have been allowed to draw their privy purse amount from the date of the merger of their respective states. The Government of India now state they can be allowed to draw their civil list allowances according to their old budget till 31-3-1948 subject to the condition that the allotment in the budget does not exceed that fixed by the Political department and that from 1-4-48 they may be paid their privy purse amounts. Submitted that both the Raja and the Nawab of Banganapalle have drawn their privy purse allowances from the date of merger and have not objected so far. It does not seem necessary to revise the previous orders. The question of revising the previous order may be examined if it is raised by the Rulers of these states. For orders.

A.R.N.

ITEM 5 - MEDICAL ATTENDANCE: This is for Education and Public Health Department.

ITEM 6 - PREROGATIVES OF MERCY AND GRANT OF TITLES: No remarks are called for.

ITEM 7 - PALACE GUARDS: The Government of India hav already informed by this deartment that this Government h objection to the palace guards being appointed and contro by the Rulers themselves. Necessary further action with reference to this item will have to be taken in Home Departm...

ITEM 8 - ESCORT FOR THE RULERS WHILE TRAVELLING ABROAD: NO action is called for.

No action. A.R.N.) ITEM 10 - FLYING OF FLAGS AND GRANT OF HOLIDAYS. (These are for Public (Elections and Public (General-).

ITEM 11 - EXEMPTION FROM ARMS ACT. }
ITEM 13 - EXEMPTION FROM MOTOR VEHICLES ACT. } Home Depart-
ITEM 19 - USE OF RED NUMBER PLATES IN CARS. } ment are concerned with these items.

ITEM 12 - EXEMPTION FROM INCOME-TAX: This relates to Finance Department.

ITEM 14 - EXEMPTION FROM LOCAL TAXATION: This relates to the different departments of the secretariat.

ITEM 15 - PRIVY PURSE: No remarks are called for.

ITEM 16 - CONTINUANCE OF GRANTS OF VILLAGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND FOR PERFORMING RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES: Revenue and Firka Development are concerned with this item.

ITEM 17 - JAGHIR AND PERSONAL PROPERTIES OF RULERS AND RELATIVES TO BE FREE FROM TAX, ETC.: This relates to Revenue department. That department have a file about the 'Serai' lands of the Nawab of Banganapalle.

M) ITEM 18--EXISTING RIGHT OF PRECEDENT: This presumably (relates to the Warrant of precedence

ITEM 20 - MARRIAGE EXPENSES: Orders have already been issued with the concurrence of the Government of India sanctioning from the state revenues allowances for the marriages of the Raja of Pudukkottai, his unmarried brothers and sister. Similar question is being examined in the case of the Nawab of Banganapalle.

ITEM 21 - RIGHT OF THE RULER TO IMPORT FREE OF CUSTOMS, ETC. GOODS FOR HIS PERSONAL USE: The Raja of Pudukkottai is entitled to a salute of 11 guns while the Nawab of Banganapalle is entitled to a salute of 9 guns only. This privilege is not applicable to either of them.

ITEM 22 - EXEMPTION FROM CUSTOMS OR ANY OTHER DUTIES ON PERSONAL LUGGAGE BELONGING TO THE RULER WHILE RETURNING FROM ANY PLACE WITHIN INDIA OR ABROAD: Development will no doubt send relevant extracts to the Customs authorities for their information and guidance.

ITEM 23 - IMMUNITY FROM THE PROCESS OF COURTS OF LAW: This is for Home Department.

ITEM 24 - ACCUMULATED BALANCES: Finance are concerned with this. Orders have been issued in Fiance that separate accounts should be kept for the expenditure and receipts of the merged States.

ITEM 25 - CUSTOMARY RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES: This is for Firka Development. The question of the continuance of grants for certain Hindu and Muslim religious festivals has been referred to the Government of India for their orders and their reply is awaited.

Item 26 -

ITEM 26 - TREATMENT OF STATES EMPLOYEES: No remarks.

ITEM 27 - ABSORPTION OF STATES' EMPLOYEES: The question of the absorption of the States' employees is being examined separately in this department.

ITEM 28 - PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS OF THE RULERS: No remarks. Each case will be dealt with on its merits by the administrative departments of the Secretariat concerned when it is referred to them for orders.

A copy of the D.O. from the Government of India in the c.f. together with a copy of the memorandum may be communicated to all the departments of the Secretairat for such action as they may consider necessary. After issue the file may be circulated to Hon'ble Premier for perusal of the memorandum.

Only one copy of the memorandum has been received and it is required for reference in this department. Copies should be supplied to the Collectors concerned and to the Special Officers and also to Departments of the Secretariat. We may perhaps ask for a few copies more, say 20 copies.

A.R.N. 8-11-48. K.R.M. 9-11-48.

COPY of D.O. letter from Government of India, Ministry of States, No.F.118-P/49, dated 16/21st July 1949, addressed to the Hon'ble Premier, Madras.

RIGHTS and PRIVILEGES OF RULERS.

The question of rights and privileges of Rulers was discussed at a conference held in the States Ministry on April 6th and 7th, 1949 with the Rajpramukhs and certain other Rulers. As a result of these discussions, the Memorandum on rights and privileges has been revised and a copy thereof will sent to you shortly. During the course of the discussions, some of the Rulers suggested the desirability of settling outstanding matters by personal discussion. I am accordingly to request that, if you see no objection, you may kindly meet the Rulers of States occasionally with a view to settling by personal discussion, questions arising in respect of the rights and privileges of the Rulers.

2. I am also to request that, so far as practicable the advice of the various technical experts employed by the Provincial Governments may be made ~~xxxfax~~ available to the Rulers free of any charge.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- M.K. Vellodi.)

ORDER:

Recorded.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

K. Ramunni Menon,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, Madras.
" Collectors of Kurnool, Tiruchirapalli and Bellary.
" Departments of the Secretariat for issuing instructions to Technical Experts under their control.

SS.Sm./24-8.

TRUE COPY.
Forwarded / By order

Superintendent.